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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES - UNCTAD
COMMON FUND MEETING NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 2

REF: BOGOTA 8008, STATE 191312, GENEVA 7351

1. COLOMBIAN POSITION ON COMMON FUND IS PRIMARILY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE OFFICE OF THE DEUPTY DIRECTOR FOR TRADE POLICY OF THE COLOMBIAN FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE (INCOMEX). SINCE COFFEE IS COLOMBIA'S MAJOR COMMODITY EXPORT, THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COFFEE GROWERS HAS BEEN CONSULTED IN ARRIVING AT THE COLOMBIAN POSITION ON THE COMMON FUND. FINAL POLICY APPROVAL IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT HE WILL BE GUIDED BY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HIS SUBORDINATES.

2. AS EXPRESSED DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DALLEY (BOGOTA 8008) AND BY COLOMBIAN UNCTAD DELEGATE PQLACIO RUDAS (GENEVA 7351),
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THE GOC FAVORS INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS RATHER THAN A COMMON FUND. DURING THE NEGOTIATION OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND INCOMEX WILL COORDINATE AS APPROPRIATE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOR EXAMPLE) AND PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

3. COLOMBIAN DELEGATES TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING ARE
LIKELY TO BE INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW COMMON FUND
NEGOTIATIONS CLOSELY, BUT NOT TO COMMIT COLOMBIA TO
PARTICIPATION IN THE FUND. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT
WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR A US EXPERT TO COME TO
BOGOTA TO DISCUSS THE COMMON FUND. HOWEVER, AS THE
DATE FOR THE MEETING APPROACHES, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO
RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE US POSITION
WHICH WE CAN PASS TO THE COLOMBIANS.
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